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SUBJECT: DETENTION OF CARMEN CASTILLO ECHEVERRIA

REF: SANTIAGO 6263

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RESPONDED TO INQUIRIES REGARDING STATUS OF DETAINEE CASTILLO, CONTAINED IN PHONE CALL FROM STAFF AIDE TO SENATOR STEVENSON AND TELEGRAM FROM CONGRESSMAN HARRINGTON. STEVENSON AIDE INDICATED THEIR INTEREST THIS MATTER GENERATED BY HAND-OUT DATED HAVANA OCTOBER 7 AND SIGNED BY BEATRIZ ALLENDE. DEPARTMENT RESPONSES BASED ON CONTENTS REFTEL.

2. STEVENSON INQUIRY ANSWERED BY PHONE. FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS OF HARRINGTON INQUIRY TO MR. ROGERS AND CABLE RESPONSE OF OCTOBER 16.

3. QUOTE: 14 OCTOBER 1974, HONORABLE WILLIAM T. (SIC) ROGERS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, MR. ROGERS:

QUOTE: I UNDERSTAND FROM A CHILEAN NEWSPAPER ARTICLE THAT
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ON OCTOBER 5 CARMEN CASTILLO ECHEVERRIA WAS ARRESTED IN

SANTIAGO AND WAS WOUNDED AT THE TIME. MRS. ECHEVERRIA, REPORTED TO BE PREGNANT, IS A PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHILE IN SANTIAGO, AND IS THE DAUGHTER OF THE FORMER RECTOR OF CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY IN SANTIAGO. I AM

INFORMED THAT SHE IS TO BE EXECUTED ON OCTOBER 16.

QUOTE: I STRONGLY URGE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO CHILEAN GOVERNMENT EXPRESSING THE GRAVE OPPOSITION OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF INDISCRIMINATE AND UNJUST EXECUTION, AND URGING THAT THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT NOT CARRY OUT THE INHUMANE SENTENCE LEVIED AGAINST CARMEN ECHEVERRIA.

QUOTE: PLEASE INFORM ME OF YOUR EFFORTS. MICHAEL J. HARRINGTON MEMBER OF CONGRESS. UNQUOTE.

4. QUOTE: 16 OCTOBER 1974, TO THE HONORABLE MICHAEL J. HARRINGTON, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D. C., DEAR MR. HARRINGTON:

QUOTE: IN REPLY TO YOUR TELEGRAM OF OCTOBER 14 AND TO CONFIRM TELEPHONE CALL FROM DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY JENKINS OUR EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO HAS NO INFORMATION THAT WOULD SUBSTANTIATE REPORT YOU HAVE RECEIVED THAT MIR ACTIVIST CARMEN CASTILLO ECHEVERRIA WILL BE QUOTE EXECUTED ON OCTOBER 16 UNQUOTE. OUR INFORMATION IS THAT SHE IS HOSPITALIZED AND THAT CHIEF OF STATE GENERAL PINOCHET, HAS ISSUED STATEMENT OF CONCERN FOR HER QUOTE CONDITION AS A WOMAN AND MOTHER UNQUOTE. SINCERELY, WILLIAM D. ROGERS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS. UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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